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**First CIRQUE Conference**  
***WHAT'S NEW IN QUEER STUDIES?***  
**L'Aquila – 31th March / 02 April 2017**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**31th March - Palazzetto dei Nobili, P.zza Santa Margherita, 2**

09:00  
Istitutional Greetings  
**Massimo Fusillo**

09:30/10:15  
Plenary Session  
**William Spurlin** (Brunel, University of London)  
*Queer Theory/Queer Pedagogy: Rethinking Teaching as a Site of Social Transformation in the Contemporary Neoliberal Academy and in Public Life*  
Chair: **Massimo Fusillo**, University of L'Aquila

10:15/10:30 Coffee Break

10:30/11:45  
Plenary Session  
**Carmen Dell'Aversano** (University of Pisa)  
*A Research Programme for Queer Studies*  
Chair: **Marco Pustianaz**, University of Piemonte Orientale

11:30/12:30

**Feminisms, Queer and Revolutions: A Conversation on the Radical Writings of Adrienne Rich and Michelle Cliff**

**Liana Borghi** (University of Florence) *Feminisms, Queer and Revolutions: A Conversation on the Radical Writings of Adrienne Rich*

**Giovanna Covi** (University of Trento) *Feminisms, Queer and Revolutions: A Conversation on the Radical Writings of Michelle Cliff*

13:00 Lunch @ Palazzetto dei Nobili

**31th March - Department of Human Sciences, Viale Nizza, 14**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**14:00/16:00**

PANEL

**Politics and Geography: Between Activism and Dissidence**

(Stream 1) Hall 2B

Chair: **Giuseppe Burgio** (Kore, University of Enna)

**Sahin Acikgoz** (Ann Arbor, University of Michigan) *Rethinking The Erasure of Non-Western Trans Identities*

**Hugo Benavides** (Fordham, University of New York), **María Fernanda Ugalde** (Pontificia Catholic University of Ecuador, Quito)  
*The Enchaquirados' Past and Present Queer Identities in the Ecuadorian Coast Over the Last Two Millenias*

**Michael Crisantemi** (Independent researcher) *Out In: The Condition of LGBT People in Italian Prisons*

**Elazar Ben Lulu** (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheba) *“Pride Shabbat”: Identity, Gender and Performance in Jewish Reform Congregation at Tel-Aviv Israel*

PANEL

**New Theories, New Frames, New Performances**

(Stream 1) Hall 1E

Chair: **Carmen Dell’Aversano** (University of Pisa)

**Claudia Vitale** (University of Utrecht) *Queering Education through a Subversive Reading Method*

**Alessandro Grilli** (University of Pisa) *On Doing Being a Misfit: Towards a Contrastive Grammar of Ordinarity*

**Giulia Melis** (Bicocca, University of Milan) *What is Queer About Ethics? Some Considerations for Social Research*

PANEL

**A Queer Imagery, A Queer Landscape**

(Stream 1) Hall 1D

Chair: **Mirko Lino** (University of L’Aquila)

**Elisa Cuter** (Freie University of Berlin) *Ultimate Asymmetry. What Exploitation Films on Sexual Relations Between Adults and Minors Can Bring to the Queer Debate*

**Gaia Giuliani** (University of Coimbra) *Italian Mondomovies: Constructions of White Masculinities and Gendered Blacknesses Between Colonialism and Decolonization*

**Antonia Anna Ferrante** (L’Orientale, University of Naples) *Cruising Sense8. Radical Kinships Beyond the Screen*

PANEL

**Sexualities**

(Stream 1) Hall 1F

Chair: **Laura Corradi** (University of Calabria)

**Wei-Cheng Chu** (National University of Taiwan) *Dehauntologizing AIDS: A Reexamination of AIDS Literature in Its “Negative” Aspects*

**Elisa Manici** (Independent researcher) *The Queerness of the Fat Body*

16:00/16:15 Coffee Break

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**16:15/18:45**

PANEL

**Politics and Geography: Between Activism and Dissidence**

(Stream 2) Hall 2B

Chair: **Giuseppe Burgio** (Kore, University of Enna)

**Alisa Zhabenko** (University of Helsinki) *Constructing Queer Kinship by Lesbian Mothers in Russia*

**Alberto Pinto** (University of Florence) *“Prefiguration” as a Queer Practice*

**Jan Wickman** (University of Turku) *Resistance in Paradises of Equality? Queer Activism in Denmark and Sweden*

PANEL

**New Theories, New Frames, New Performances**

(Stream 2) Hall 1E

Chair: **Carmen Dell’Aversano** (University of Pisa)

**Eva K. Nossem** (University of Saarland) *The Traveling Queer*

**Samuele Grassi** (University of Monash) *Feminist Utopias, Citizenship Education, and Paul Goodman*

**Lucille Cremier** (University of Québec, Montréal)  
*Queer My Semiosis - Semiotize My Queer*

**Mateusz Krol** (University of Silesia) *The Theoretical Framework and Strategies of Queer Translation*

PANEL

**A Queer Imagery, A Queer Landscape**

(Stream 2) Hall 1D

Chair: **Mirko Lino** (University of L’Aquila)

**Mattia Petricola** (University of Bologna) *Nonce-Taxonomies and the Living Dead: A Queer Approach to Comparative Literature*

**Ryan Calabretta-Sajder** (University of Arkansas) *Gendering the Queer Body in Italian Cinema*

PANEL

**Sexualities**

(Stream 2) Hall 1F

Chair: **Laura Corradi** (University of Calabria)

**Marzia Mauriello** (Suor Orsola Benincasa, University of Naples)  
*Queer Beauty: Experience Of Femminity, Gender And The Body In Contemporary Neapolitan Trans Culture*

**Valeria Venditti**

(University of Rome, La Sapienza)

*Queer Me More*

**Ludovico Virtù** (Radboud, University of Nijmegen) *A Self-Reflexive Approach to Trans Embodiment in the Context of a Sex Toy Fair*

20:30 Artistic Performances @ Palazzetto dei Nobili,  
P.zza Santa Margherita, 2

**My Name is Egon**  
**Journal of a Transsexual Man**

Theatrical play edited by Egon Botteghi and Laura Rossi  
Length: 60'

**Bharatanatyam Demonstration**

Presentation edited by Sara Azzarelli and Giuditta de Concini  
Length: 30'

**Saying Things With Words About Things That Don't  
Like Words!!**

Poetry and dancefloor performance edited by Gilda Manfring  
Length: 23'

**Belated Witnesses and Their Precocious Testimony:  
Queer Lives of Aging Women and our Queer Futures.**

Video projection edited by Simona Dumitriu  
Length: 60'

**1th April - Department of Human Sciences, viale Nizza, 14**

9:00/9:45

Aula Magna

**Laura Corradi** (Università della Calabria)

*Why Bisexuality Is Queer*

Chair: **Carmen Dell'Aversano** (University of Pisa)

9:45/10:00 Coffee Break

10:00/10:45

Aula Magna

**Marie-Hélène/Sam Bourcier** (University of Lille 3)

*The Triangle and the Unicorn (Who Farts)*

Chair: **Alessandro Grilli** (University of Pisa)

10:45/11:00 Break

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**11:00/13:00**

PANEL

**Politics and Geography: Between Activism and Dissidence**

(Stream 3) Hall 2B

Chair: **William Spurlin** (Brunel, University of London)

**Núria Sadurní-Balcells** (University of Girona) *Discussing Homonationalism and Catalonia*

**Albertin-Carbo, Langarita-Adiego, Dorado-Caballero, Sadurni-Balcells** (University of Girona) *Who Is the Subject of Feminism? Subjectivities Implied in Non-Normative Sexual Practices in Medium and Small Cities (Spain)*

**Marco La Rocca** (Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila) *L.G.B.T.Q. Landscapes of Gentrification Building up in Turin: The Quadrilater*

**Ramona Dima** (University of Bucharest) *Who's Afraid of Queer Families? Strategies and Discourses of the Coalition for Family as Reflected in the Romanian Media and Queer Activists Reactions*

PANEL

**A Queer Imagery, A Queer Landscape**

(Stream 3) Hall 1D

Chair: **Massimo Fusillo** (University of L'Aquila)

**Gabriele Bizzarri** (University of Padua) *Re-writing "Latin American identity": queer strategies in Roberto Bolaño, Pedro Lemebel and Diamela Eltit*

**Irene Peano, Ezio Puglia** (University of Bologna) *Tony Duvert: Political and Theoretical Implications of a Paedophile's View*

**Federica Marsico**

(University of Pavia-Cremona) *The Myth of Phaedra in Music from a Queer Point of View*

**Dominic Janes** (University of Keele) *Caricature of Oscar Wilde and the Invention of Queer Male Stereotypes*

PANEL

**Sexualities**

(Stream 3) Hall 1F

Chair: **Liana Borghi** (University of Florence)

**Antonio Gualardia** (Independent researcher) *Queer Embodiments: The Gay Bear Identity in Italy*

**Ian Funk** (University of Maryland)

*A Silent Dialogue of Desire and Pleasure:*

*Queer Masculine Spectatorship and the Ejaculatory Hail of Johnny Wadd*

**Greta Meraviglia, Giorgia Rosamaria Gammino** (University of Padua) *I Want to Crip Free. Disability, Queer Identity and Sexuality*

**Egon Botteghi** (University of Verona) *Alien Voices Journey of a 20ieth Century Trans Man in the Aesthetics of Castrati*

**Transnational Queerness and the Hetero/Homo-Normative Western Politics of Control**

Hall 1E

**Jon Binnie** (Manchester Metropolitan University) *Queering Transport: Materiality, Mobility and Transnational Queerness*

**Dany Carnassale** (University of Padua) *Le Frociate (the Queer Crusades): Global, National and Local Perspectives on Queerness in West Africa*

**Calogero Giametta** (Aix-Marseille University) *'Can't See the Wood for the Trees': Debates on Human Trafficking and Sex Work in the French Political Context*

**Peter F.N. Hörz** (University of Applied Sciences Esslingen) *Cosmobile Sex Workers: Male Escorts En Route*

13:15

Lunch @ Department of Human Sciences

14:30/16:30

**Workshop**

*What's New About Queer Teaching?*

organized by Daniela Jauk

Hall 2E

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:30/16:30

### PANEL

#### **Politics and Geography: Between Activism and Dissidence**

(Stream 4) Hall 2B

Chair: **Marie-Hélène/Sam Bourcier** (University of Lille 3)

**Sebastiano Cesaro** (Vincennes-Saint-Denis, University of Paris 8)

*Political Activism and Queer Migrations*

**Maria Paola Corsentino** (University of Pisa) *If I Can't Be, It's Not My Revolution. A Glance at Queer Anarchism in the 20th and 21st Century*

**Eli Erlick** (Independent researcher) *The Suicide-Industrial Complex: Transgender Identity Capital in Contemporary Neoliberal Activist Mobilizations*

**John Champagne** (Penn State Erie, Behrend College) *Towards A Ventennio Queer Unhistoricism*

### PANEL

#### **New Theories, New Frames, New Performances**

(Stream 3) Hall 1E

Chair: **Giovanna Covi** (University of Trento)

**Lorenzo Bernini** (University of Verona) *Foucault's Drive (And Freud's, and Fanon's)*

**Primo David** (University of Padua) *Gender as a Performative Assemblage: The Discursive Production of Men's Subjectivity*

**Aurelio Castro** (University of Padua) *Reflections on Sexual Orientation: A Queer Eye for a Critical Eye*

**Virgili Elisa** (University of Insubria) *Queering the Box(e)*

### PANEL

#### **A Queer Imagery, A Queer Landscape**

(Stream 4) Hall 1D

Chair: **Massimo Fusillo** (University of L'Aquila)

**Paola Di Cori** (Independent researcher) *Queer Narratives of Cancer: Eve K. Sedgwick's White Glasses*

**Chung-Hao Ku** (National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan) *Queer Embodiments in Jeffrey Eugenides's Middlesex*

**Giuliano Lozzi** (Tuscia University) *Antigone in a Queer Time*

**Cristiana Pagliarusco** (University of Trento) *A Queer Cir(q)le of Poets: The Affective Community of Georgia O'Keeffe*



PANEL

**Sexualities**

(Stream 4) Hall 1F

Chair: **Carmen Dell'Aversano** (University of Pisa)

**Ilenia Caleo** (La Sapienza, University of Rome) *CorpoRealities. Performativity and Materiality of the Bodies in the Performing Arts*

**Roberto Filippello** (Parsons the New School, New York) *Anti-Fashion & Queer Radical Sex. A Look at the Bareback Subculture through Fashion and Queer Theories*

**Guido Noto La Diega** (Northumbria University) *Queer Dating Apps and User-Generated Content*

16:30/16:45  
Coffee Break

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

16:30/16:45

PANEL

**Politics and Geography: Between Activism and Dissidence**

(Stream 5) Hall 2B

Chair: **Eva K. Nossem** (University of Saarland)

**Marco Pustianaz** (University of Piemonte Orientale) *A Queer Whatever: Political Figures of Non-Identity*

**Magalì Pérez Riedel** (University of La Plata) *Argentina's Gone Wild! Reflections About Hegemony and Culture in a Queerer Nation*

**Cristian Lo Iacono** (Independent researcher) *Queer Interstitiality and the Diversion of Capitalism*

**Laura Cuzzocrea** (University of Utrecht) *Constructions of Terrorism and Criminalization of Struggles in the Italian Context. Queer Subjects and Political Dissidence in a Permanent State of Exception*

PANEL

**Sexualities**

(Stream 4) Hall 1F

Chair: **Carmen Dell'Aversano** (University of Pisa)

**Marco Reggio** (Independent researcher) *Passing for a Canary. Birdy Between Animal Drag and Species Transition*

**Roberto Terracciano** (L'Orientale, University of Naples) *Preliminary Notes on Un-Grinding Queer Spaces A Near Future Perspective*

**Performing Gender Beyond the Binary Trap in South Asia and the Middle East: Queer Issues in Literature and Cinema**

Hall 1E

**Alessandra Consolaro** (University of Turin) *Queering Hindi: State of the Art and Research Perspective*

**Lisa Marchi** (University of Trento) *Queering Colonial Languages and Overcoming Gender Binaries: Nina Bouraoui's Standard*

**Radical Transfeminism and the Queering of Capital(ism)**

Hall 1D

**Grietje Baars** (University of London) *Queering Corporate Power*

**Nat Raha** (University of Sussex) *Queering Marxist  
[Trans]Feminism: Queer and Trans Social Reproduction*

**Mijke van der Drift** (University of London) *Nonnormative Ethics:  
Radical Transfeminism as Queer Social Reproduction*

18:15/20:30

**Itinerant Workshop**

*Queer and the City*

Organized by

Custodi Giulia, Olcuire Serena, Silvi Martina

20:30 Vegan Social Dinner

**@BeVegan**

Via Tempera, zona Quattro Cantoni

**2th April –Department of Human Sciences,  
viale Nizza 14**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**9:00/11:00**

PANEL

**Politics and Geography: Between Activism and Dissidence**

(Stream 6) Hall 1F

Chair: **John Champagne** (Penn State Erie, Behrend College)

**Varpu Alasuutari** (University of Turku) *Queer Kinship in the Case of Death*

**Antu Sorainen** (University of Helsinki) *Re-Imagining and Queering Inheritance and Kinship*

**Francis Seeck** (Humboldt, University of Berlin) *Queering Community Care*

**Giacomo Ciocca** (University of L'Aquila) *New Trends and Findings in the Understanding of Homophobia and Transphobia*

PANEL

**Italian Activism and Dissidence**

Hall 1D

Chair: **Maria Paola Corsentino** (University of Pisa)

**Nicolò Pezzolo** (University of Genoa) *Roma Pride, Parading Identities*

**Michela Baldo** (University of Hull) *Translation and Queer Transfeminist Activism in Italy*

**Valeria Quaglia** (University of Milan, University of Turin) *Que(e)rying the Family: Construction and Management of Non-Heteronormative Identities in Italy*

11:00/11:15 Coffee Break

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:15/13:30

PANEL

**Politics and Geography: Between Activism and Dissidence**

(Stream 6) Hall 1F

Chair: **Greta Meraviglia, Giorgia Rosamaria Gammino** (University of Padua)

**Martin Jaime Ballero** (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru) *Queer Poetics of God*

**Clark Pignedoli** (University of Québec, Montréal) *Beyond Trans Medicalization: Gatekeeping and the Epistemological Privilege of Ignorance*

**Giulio Galoppo** (Humboldt, University of Berlin) *Gender Diversity Versus Heteronormative Gender Binarism. Opportunities For Raising Children In A Non- Normative Way Using So-Called 'Queer Fairy Tales'*

PANEL

**Queer Contemporary Rituals**

Hall 1D

Chair: **Marco Pustianaz** (University of Piemonte Orientale)

**Vincenzo Guastafierro** (University of Piemonte Orientale) *Liquid Love? What's New in Online Gay Practices?*

**Dylan Harris** (University of Clark) *In a Queer Time of Glaciers*

**Enrico Petrilli** (Bicocca, University of Milan) *The Insurrectionary Possibilities of Pleasure. Preliminary Results of an Ethnography in Electronic Dance Music Clubs*

13:30 Lunch @ Department of Human Sciences

